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SUBJECT: LE THI LY AND ORPHANS

REF: E. BANGKOK 23818 B. BANGKOK 24306

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1. SISTER LE THI LY AND THREE CHILDREN (NGUYEN DUY LIEN, DINH MINH TIEN AND NGUYEN THI P UONG LAN) ARE STILL IN THE VAYAMA CAMP.
2. POST HAS INFORMATION THAT PRIESTS TRAN MINH QUANG AND TRAN THUC DINH WHO WERE AT FT CHAFFEE WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORPHANAGE IN VIENTIANE FROM WHICH SUBJECT CHILDREN CAME AND HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THESE CHILDREN (REF B).
3. ON 8 DECEMBER, DURING AN INTERVIEW AT VAYAMA CAMP, SISTER LE THI LY GAVE HUGH O'NEILL OF THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE OPERATIONS, COPIES OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR THE THREE CHILDREN. THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SENT BY THE DONG PALAN ORPHANAGE, AND THE PASTOR OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, VIENTIANE. THEY SHOW THAT NGUYEN THI MINH IS THE MOTHER OF NGUYEN DUY LIEN AND NGUYEN THI PHUONG LAN. DINH THI LY IS LISTED AS THE MOTHER OF DINH MINH TIEN. THE FATHERS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE LISTED AS "UNKNOWN". SISTER LE THI LY CONTINUES TO STAND BY HER STATEMENT THAT THE

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CHILDREN WERE RELINQUISHED TO THE ORPHANAGE WHILE THEY WERE

BABIES, THAT THE ORPHANAGE HAS BEEN THEIR GUARDIAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 YEARS AND IS WILLING TO SIGN A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

4. THE EMBASSY IS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO WASHINGTON'S CONCERN THAT THE USG NOT BE ACCUSED WITH "CHILDSNATCHING" (REF E) AND WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THIS CASE. HOWEVER, SINCE SISTER LE THI LY HAS SATISFIED THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE OPERATIONS THAT THE ORPHANAGE IS THE GUARDIAN OF THESE CHILDREN, WE AGAIN REPEAT OUR REQUEST THAT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS THEY BE ADMITTED INTO THE UNITED STATES.

5. IF COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR SISTER LY'S STATEMENT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ORM, PLEASE SO ADVISE AND WE WILL POUCH THEM TO YOU.
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